

# ICELAND COMPLETE EXPRESS

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL & EXPLORE REYKJAVÍK

On arrival to Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a driver who will transport you to your accommodation in Reykjavík. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore the vibrant city centre with its abundance of museums, restaurants and bars to suit all tastes. If you're interested in checking out Icelandic design or experiencing the city's thriving coffee culture, head to the main street, Laugavegur, and enjoy its various shops and cosy cafes.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Reykjavík

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### DAY 2: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE & SOUTH COAST

Collect your rental car in the morning and begin your journey on the classic Golden Circle route, home to some of south Iceland's most popular attractions, including Þingvellir National Park, the hot springs of the Haukadalur geothermal area, the majestic Gullfoss waterfall and the impressive implosion crater of Kerið. Continue your drive along the scenic south coast and visit the cascading Seljalandsfoss waterfall—where you can walk behind the waterfall—and stop by the mighty Skógafoss waterfall.

Spend the night in the Vík area.

*Driving distance approx. 310 km / 192 mi*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Geysir - Gullfoss - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss - Þingvellir

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### DAY 3: ENORMOUS GLACIERS & TOWERING ICEBERGS

Visit the black sand beach near Vík and the jagged rock formations of Dyrhólaey and Reynisdrangar before heading to Skaftafell, part of the immense Vatnajökull National Park. Skaftafell is a place of great natural beauty and the ideal region to explore the diverse geology of Iceland. On your way towards Höfn, take a break at the amazing Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, where you can join a boat ride among the maze of floating icebergs (optional).

Spend the night in the Höfn area.

*Driving distance approx. 270 km / 168 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Diamond Beach - Dyrhólaey - Fjallsárlón - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Skaftafell - Vatnajökull National Park

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### DAY 4: TRANQUIL EAST FJORDS & SCENIC LAKE MÝVATN

Your drive along East Iceland today is characterised by spectacular fjords, quaint fishing villages and sweeping landscapes. On arrival to lush Lake Mývatn, you have a number of unique natural wonders to explore, including Krafla volcano, the curiously-coloured Námaskarð pass, the fascinating lava formations and maze of Dimmuborgir and the lunar-like pseudo-craters at Skútustaðir.

Spend the night in the Lake Mývatn area.

*Driving distance approx. 420 km / 261 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Dimmuborgir - Djúpivogur - Egilsstaðir & Lagarfljót - Krafla & Leirhnjúkur - Lake Mývatn - Námaskarð

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## DAY 5: ENJOY THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH

Spend the first half of the day exploring more sights around Lake Mývatn before driving towards Skagafjörður, a region known for its abundance of Icelandic horses. Along the way, you can stop to enjoy the thundering Goðafoss waterfall, the charming town of Akureyri—nicknamed “The Capital of North Iceland”—and the Glaumbær turf farm museum for a slice of Icelandic history.

Spend the night in the Varmahlíð/Hvammstangi area.

*Driving distance approx. 260 km / 161 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Akureyri - Glaumbær - Goðafoss - Skagafjörður

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## DAY 6: JOURNEY TO THE WESTFJORDS

Start the day early as you have a long day of sightseeing ahead of you as you will be heading to the tranquil, remote Westfjords of Iceland! Sights along the way include the numerous mounds of Vatnsdalshólar, the Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft Museum and the Sorcerer's Cottage, both in Hólmavík, and the hot natural pools in Drangsnæs are also well worth a visit. Continue your way to Ísafjörður, the “capital of the Westfjords” and the biggest settlement in the region. There you'll find some of the most historic houses in Iceland, dating back to the mid-18th century.

Spend the night in the Ísafjörður area.

*Driving distance approx. 375 km / 233 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Hólmavík - Ísafjörður - Vatnsdalshólar - Westfjords

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## DAY 7: DYNJANDI WATERFALL & LÁTRABJARG CLIFFS

Today you will head to Dýrafjörður, where you will find the trail of the Viking Saga hero Gisli Súrsson as well as the Skrúður botanical gardens, a mix of history and nature. Continuing to Hrafnseyri, you can visit a museum dedicated to another prominent Icelander, Jón Sigurðsson, who was influential in Iceland's battle for independence. Next, make a stop at the impressive Dynjandi waterfall, which resembles a bridal veil, before heading to the spectacular 444 metre-high cliff of Látrabjarg, the westernmost point of Europe. Here, you can get a good look at some of Iceland's many species of nesting seabirds, including puffins and razorbills.

Spend the night in the Patreksfjörður area.

*Driving distance approx. 290 km / 180 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Dynjandi - Dýrafjörður - Látrabjarg

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## DAY 8: RAUÐISANDUR BEACH & FERRY ACROSS BREIÐAFJÖRÐUR

Kick off the day with an early visit to the rich golden sands of Rauðisandur beach, or take a relaxing dip in a natural hot pool at Vatnsfjörður nature reserve. The morning is up to you. At noon, take the Baldur ferry across

Breiðafjörður Bay to the charming village of Stykkishólmur on the Snæfellsnes peninsula, passing the small island of Flatey along the way. The duration of the ferry ride is about 2 Hours and 45 minutes.

If you have time to explore after your arrival in Stykkishólmur, we recommend spending the afternoon roaming the region's unique sights, including Snæfellsjökull glacier in Snæfellsjökull National Park, the Dritvík cove and the small, charming hamlets of Arnarstapi, Hellnar and Búðir.

Spend the night in the Snæfellsnes region.

*Driving distance approx. 170 km / 105 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Arnarstapi - Breiðafjörður & Flatey - Búðir - Dritvík Cove - Hellnar - Kirkjufell - Rauðisandur - Snæfellsjökull National Park - Stykkishólmur

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## DAY 9: SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA & WEST ICELAND

Spend the early part of the day exploring Snæfellsnes and if time allows, take a detour and drive along beautiful Borgarfjörður where you will find the largest hot spring in Europe, the twin waterfalls Hraunfossar and Barnafoss, as well as Glanni Waterfall, Háafell Goat Farm, and the large lava tunnel of Víðgelmir. There is something for everyone in wondrous West Iceland.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

*Driving distance approx. 305 km / 190 mi.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Arnarstapi - Búðir - Dritvík Cove - Glanni Waterfall - Hellnar - Hraunfossar & Barnafoss - Snæfellsjökull National Park

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## DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Transfer by shuttle to Keflavík International Airport in time for your departure flight. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can fit in a relaxing visit to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa or even take a short guided tour of the volcanic Reykjanes Peninsula (optional; not included).

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Reykjavík

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

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